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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Patent No.: 6,411,852  
Issue Date: June 25, 2002  
Application No.: 09/296,040  
Filing Date: April 21, 1999  
Confirmation No.: 7886  
Inventor(s): Christopher J. DANEK et al.  
Title: MODIFICATION OF AIRWAYS BY APPLICATION OF ENERGY

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**REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 255**

Commissioner for Patent  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Attention: Certificate of Corrections Branch

Sir:

Upon reviewing the above-captioned patent, Patentee requests a certificate of correction under 35 U.S.C. § 255 to correct the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In particular, Patentee makes this request under MPEP 1481.03 II(A) to correct the failure to make reference to a prior copending application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2).

Patentee, with this correction, now makes reference to prior copending applications. In particular, the later-filed '852 patent is a continuation-in-part of application No. 08/994,064, filed on Dec. 19, 1997, now Pat. No. 6,083,255, continuation-in-part of application No. 09/224,937, filed on December 31, 1998, now Pat. No. 6,200,333, and a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/260,401, filed on Mar. 1, 1999, now Pat. No. 6,283,988, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/003,750, filed on Jan. 7, 1998, now Pat. No. 5,972,026, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 08/833,550, filed on Apr. 7, 1997, now Pat. No. 6,273,907. Under 35 USC § 120, 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1),

and MPEP 201.11, the conditions for receiving the benefit of priority have been fulfilled, as follows:

- There is co-pendency between the later-filed '852 patent and the prior-filed '255, '333, '988, '026, and '907 patents. The later-filed '852 patent was filed on April 21, 1999 and issued on June 25, 2002. The prior-filed '255 patent was filed on December 19, 1997 and issued on July 4, 2000. The prior-filed '333 patent was filed on December 31, 1998 and issued on March 13, 2001. The prior-filed '988 patent was filed on March 1, 1999 and issued on September 4, 2001. The prior-filed '026 patent was filed on January 7, 1998 and issued on October 26, 1999. The prior-filed '907 patent was filed on April 7, 1997 and issued on August 14, 2001.
- There is continuity of inventorship between the later-filed '852 patent and the prior-filed '255, '333, '988, '026, and '907 patents. Michael Laufer is the common inventor.
- There is continuity of disclosure between the later-filed '852 patent and the prior-filed '255, '333, '988, '026, and '907 patents. The prior '255, '333, '988, '026, and '907 patents name an inventor in common with the later-filed '852 patent and disclose the named inventor's invention claimed in at least one claim of the later-filed '852 patent according to the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112.
- Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2), the required period for making a claim for benefit is within the later of four months from the actual filing date or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior application. However, Patentee notes that the later-filed '852 patent was filed prior to November 29, 2000, and as such this time provision is inapplicable to the present '852 patent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii). Accordingly, Patentee believes a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed priority claim is not required.
- Patentee has amended the later-filed '852 patent so that it contains a reference to prior-filed '255, '333, '988, '026, and '907 patents pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(i).

Transmitted herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction. The corrections requested are as follows:

1. On page 1, in section (63), please replace:

“Continuation-in-part of application No. 09/095,323, filed on Jun. 10, 1998.”

with:

-- Continuation-in-part of application No. 09/095,323, filed on Jun. 10, 1998, continuation-in-part of application No. 08/994,064, filed on Dec. 19, 1997, now Pat. No. 6,083,255, continuation-in-part of application No. 09/224,937, filed on December 31, 1998, now Pat. No. 6,200,333, and a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/260,401, filed on Mar. 1, 1999, now Pat. No. 6,283,988, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/003,750, filed on Jan. 7, 1998, now Pat. No. 5,972,026, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 08/833,550, filed on Apr. 7, 1997, now Pat. No. 6,273,907.--

2. On page 14, in column 1, lines 4-6, please replace:

“This is a Continuation-in-part application of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/095,323 filed Jun. 10, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.”

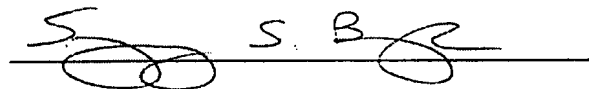
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Because the error occurred due to applicant's mistake, the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(a) is transmitted herewith. Patentee respectfully requests granting of the requested Certificate of Correction.

If the Commissioner determines an additional fee is due, Patentee petitions for any required relief and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with this filing to **Deposit Account No. 50-3973** referencing Attorney Docket No. **ASTXNA00200**.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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